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FOSAPL Named Lifetime Library Champion

Help Us Celebrate at Annual Meeting January 25, 4 PM, Central Auditorium

In observance of the Library's Centennial Celebration, in December the San Antonio Public Library Board of Trustees selected Lifetime Library Champions: individuals, organizations, or businesses whose Library contributions have taken place over a long period of time, or which have had a lasting impact on Library services. The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library were selected as a Champion for almost 40 years of continuous support for the entire library system; the support includes the contribution of approximately \$650,000 plus countless service hours over this period. President Barbara Isner will accept the award on behalf of the Friends at the January Library Board meeting, which is a few days after our Annual Meeting. Despite the timing, we can't pass up the opportunity to have an advance celebration with attendees

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Arts and Letters Award Ceremony



Lyn Belisle, Richard Rosen, and Maria Watson Pfeiffer accept the Friends' acclaim.

Arts and Letters Committee Chair Robert LaCaff immediately put his audience at ease as he opened the A & L Awards Ceremony, Sunday, December 7, 2003. Casually polishing his glasses, he welcomed the group of approximately sixty attendees, then smoothly changed the tone of his remarks by calling attention to the date, chosen in honor of those who have given the "supreme sacrifice" to freedom and, therefore, to freedom of artistic expression. The theme of service to country and community, thus established, served as a bridge to the afternoon's ctivities.

Barbara Isner, President of the Friends of the



President Barbara Isner presents plaque to honoree Maria Watson Pfeiffer as spokeswoman Lynn Osborne Bobbit shares her friend's joy.

San Antonio Public Library, warmly welcomed those in attendance and thanked them for coming. She introduced **Mary Louise Daneri**, Assistant Director of the San Antonio Public Library as

well as Friends liaison with the Library staff.

Lee LaCaff, Immediate Past Present, FOSAPL, explained the Friends'

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Editor: Marti Nodine

From the President

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that another year has gone by, and what a year this has been for our Library! One hundred years old and getting bigger and better.

Our Arts & Letters Committee did another great job this year and introduced us to Lvn Belisle, Maria Watson Pfeiffer, and Richard Rosen. We had a wonderful time meeting these people and finding new and different things about them. I wish to thank the committee. Robert LaCaff, Chair and Master of Ceremonies; Pat Brown; Cathy Dean; Lee LaCaff; and Marti and Andy Nodine. Refreshments: Mary NcAfee; Nancy and Eric Gandara, Co-Chair; Charles McAfee; and Lucille **Teeter**. One more time—they all did a great job, and I just want to say THANK YOU for all the time and hard work you put in again this year.

We made it through the Centennial Celebration, and now we need to let you know about this year. The Born to Read Program was such a success that it is going to be continued another year by the Library Foundation, and the Friends are going to commit to another year also. We will have a report at our Annual Board Meeting and a report about this in our next newsletter.

We will have our Annual Meeting at Central Library on January 25, 2004, beginning at 2:00 PM; please mark this on your calendar and plan to attend.

Barbara C. Isner President

FRIENDS OF THE SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 19, 2003

Lucy Gale

Board members present include: Lee LaCaff, Robert LaCaff, Gerry Celitans, Maria Pfeiffer, Lou Harris, Barbara Isner, Pat Brown, Pat Konstam, Martha Tarpley, Aaron Konstam, Marti Nodine, Linda Nairn, Pat Mendiola, Edie Hophan, Vern Hophan, and Lucy Gale

Library Board of Trustee present: Cathy Dean

SAPL staff present: **Mary Louise Daneri**, Assistant
Library Director

Call To Order

President **Barbara Isner** called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

The minutes for the September Board meeting were reviewed and approved.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

Barbara announced that Jim Wogstad's mother had passed away recently and wanted to propose buying a book in her memory. Lou Harris moved to purchase a book in Mrs. Wogstad's memory. Marti Nodine seconded the motion, which passed.

Barbara first reported that the Library was going to hold its annual Tamalada event on Nov. 21. Since the event will take place in the employee lounge, the participants must enter through the Book Cellar. Barbara and **Lucy Gale** volunteered to staff the Book Cellar starting at 8AM, to allow Tamalada participants an opportunity to make purchases until the others volunteers show up at 11AM.

Barbara has been trying to recruit a volunteer for the Nominating Committee Chair who needs to put a committee in place soon to find a new Treasurer and perhaps a new President. Newsletter Committee is doing well with Marti Nodine. Ronnie Retzloff will get help from Linda Nairn for the Membership Committee.

Secretary-Correspondence - None

Treasurer - Aaron Konstam informed the Board that FOSAPL had three money market accounts and wanted to clarify this information from the last meeting. One money market account represents Life Members dues, the second is the combination of the two previous CD accounts, and the third is the Guaranty Money Market account, which is the working capital account.

Membership - Ronnie Retzloff - None.

Newsletter - Marti Nodine handed out the Newsletter Committee report, which can be partly found in the November newsletter. The Newsletter Committee will meet quarterly to monitor progress of the newsletter. The last newsletter had information regarding the new practices for editing and submitting stories. Also another idea was to have as much as possible submitted electronically. A yearly structure will be put in place for the newsletter calendar to see where it is headed and what will be featured. The

format of the newsletter will be more like a newspaper with headlines, features and reports. The Newsletter Committee is hoping to get feedback from committee members regarding the newsletter since it is the face of the organization to the committee and City Hall.

Marti reported that 767 newsletters were mailed out to the membership at the total cost of \$643. Aaron Konstam suggested the Treasurer's report be condensed for the newsletter. Lee LaCaff suggested all comments on the newsletter be forwarded to Marti via email and then present the suggestions to the board. The next committee meeting will be in January.

Book Cellar - Aaron Konstam for Jim Wogstad

The Book Cellar has new shelves and a new children's area. Aaron said that help was needed on marketing the Book Cellar and to please send any ideas to the Book Cellar committee. The next meeting date will be decided when Jim is available.

Special Reports *Library Board* - Don Counts

Cathy Dean gave the Board of Trustees report. During the last Board of Trustees meeting a search committee was formed to search for a new Library Director. The selection of Library Champions has been delayed due to a Library Champions Committee member's illness. The selection of winners will be pre-

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BRANCH LEAVES

(News from Support Groups)



Book Cellar

Friends of the Library members will receive a 25 percent discount on Book Cellar purchases made on Sunday, Jan. 25, the day of the Friends annual meeting. This offer is good from 11:00 A.M.-1:30 P.M. as an incentive to Friends to visit the expanded store and to attend the annual meeting.

A clearance sale on biographies is running from Jan. 15 through Feb. 15. Buy one and get one free. In addition, patrons should watch for periodic Surprise Sales when books of a certain type are temporarily marked down to reduce inventory. The Surprise Sale in December was social science books. Teachers can always get a discount when they buy books in quantity for classroom use.

Several shelves of books on African-American history are available in advance of Black History Month.

A bulletin board pointing library visitors to the Book Cellar has been installed next to the first floor elevator as a temporary measure until a permanent sign is made.

Pat Konstam Book Cellar Correspondent

Brook Hollow

Thanks to all the volunteers, branch staff, and patrons who made Brook Hollow's fall book sale a great success! We made over \$3,300, which we look forward to spending when the branch renovations are complete. Our next meeting is Monday, January 26, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. at the library. On the agenda are officer elections and minor changes to our bylaws. A copy of the proposed bylaws amendments is available for review at the library (near the cash register). We will also be planning our annual Staff Appreciation dinner and our spring book sale.

Beth Crabb, Treasurer

Cody

Cody Branch will hold its next book sale on Saturday, February 21, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Janna Lawrence

Oakwell

On November 17, a successful book sale was held. With these funds, the Friends were able to purchase specific items needed in the library. Our book sales are held on the third Saturday of February, May, August, and November. The next sale will be Saturday, February 21, 2004, from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM.

Mark your calendars for this sale! The Oakwell Annual Meeting was held November 22, 2003, in Oakwell's meeting room. During the business meeting, the election of officers was held. The officers for 2004 are: President, Fern Burke; Vice-President, Dabny Darnell; Secretary, Alice Sackett; Treasurer, Ann Eastwood. Our speaker, Lewis Fisher, gave a presentation on the San Antonio missions with slides and his commentary about the history, preservation, and reconstruction of these historical structures.

Mr. Fisher's presentation was followed by door prize awards and refreshments served by the board members to those attending.

> **Fern Burke** President

Texana/Genealogy

The Friends of Texana/Genealogy met in November to hear **Lou Harris** present her research on El Camino Real. This fascinating (and ongoing) project has taken Lou and her husband Bob all across South Texas. The Friends approved the framing of six reproduction, historical maps of Texas to be hung in the Texana/Genealogy reading room. These maps will help patrons study how map makers have depicted the changing shape of Texas over the years. Also, a large map of San Antonio presented to the Texana/Genealogy Department several years ago is currently being repaired and reframed. We hope to have it hung by early summer.

The "annual" Texana/Genealogy book sale (usually held in October but moved

because of scheduling problems) will be held on Saturday, January 17, from 10 AM to 3 PM. Please come buy a book to benefit the Texana/Genealogy Department!

The Texana/Genealogy staff will offer several workshops in the next couple of months—Using Government Documents in Genealogy on February 14 and Researching Your Texas Ancestors on March 13—both from 9:30 to 11 AM. An all-day workshop about Beginning Genealogy will be held April 10. Also make plans for the Genealogy Fair May 22 from 10 AM. to 3 PM. These are wonderful opportunities to become acquainted with the Department's staff and collection. We hope you will be able to participate in some of these events!

Maria Watson Pfeiffer President

Writer Friends

The speaker for the Writer Friends September meeting was **Kathleen LeStrange**, a teacher and award-winning writer

LeStrange is a San Antonio native who presently teaches at the School of the Performing Arts. She wrote for the soap opera "All My Children" (AMC), a favorite show of the AFL and NBA players and Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall. "I enjoyed being with the writers on a daily basis. We wrote 256 shows a year," she said. "It's an extremely creative and fertile atmosphere. Everybody has to learn the characters' voices."

When asked about applying to be a writer for the soaps, she said write a really good well-researched script. Apply to Proctor and Gamble-CBS Soaps, which has a writer development program in New York and the surrounding area. AMC has a five-week lead time while other soaps have a one-week lead time.

On Saturday, November 15, Writer Friends held a Writers' Fair at the main library. Approximately 60 participants were afforded free space to distribute information, display their work, and sell it.

The next meeting for the Writer Friends is scheduled for February 10, 2004, 7 PM, at the Main Library auditorium. Our speaker will be **Steve Bennett**, Book Editor of the *San Antonio Express-News*. The public is invited to attend.

Junette Kirkham Woller Secretary

Arts and Letters Award Ceremony

involvement as part of the citywide system. Inaugurated by City Charter on March 23, 1964, the Friends have a broad mandate. As a result of its efforts, Friends have provided many thousands of volunteer service hours, and contributed more than two hundred thousand dollars to the Library during its first three decades, and, since then, principally through sales in the Book Cellar, approximately fifty thousand dollars annually. These monies defray some of the specific program costs Daneri mentioned in her remarks noted above.

Resuming his duties as emcee, La Caff introduced in turn, Rick Riordan, the spokesman for Lyn Belisle; Lynne Osborne Bobbit, the presenter for Maria Watson Pfeiffer; and Bebe Hinkley, the speaker for Richard Rosen.

Marti Nodine

Photo credits: Andy Nodine.

Library Champion

at the Annual Meeting. (Just consider this a warmup for the Library Board's official presentation.) In addition to patting our own backs at the meeting, we will recognize Val Poska, a Life Member of the Friends who was also selected as a Lifetime Library Champion, Val chaired the committee that established the Book Cellar in the Hertzberg Circus Museum in 1990 (generating over \$200,000 in sales) and was later instrumental in the Book Cellar's move to Central Library. We are so pleased that he will join us. There might be more special guests as well, but we don't want to divulge too many details before the public announcements are made

Life Members and Book Cellar volunteers, both past and present, are especially encouraged to be part of our Lifetime Library Champions celebration. Please do come!

Election of FOSAPL Board of Directors

The election of FOSAPL officers and directors will take place at the Annual Meeting, January 25, 2004. To fill current offices that are vacant, the nominating committee proposes Louisa

Thomas, secretary; Patricia Cummins, treasurer; Betty Berry, Shirley Horner, and Rowena Rodgers, directors to serve the year remaining in the 2003–2005 term. Only the current board of directors may vote on replacements for the unexpired term. (See By-Laws, Article V, Section 3 and Article VI. Section 5.)

Nominees for the 2004—2006 term, to be elected by the general member-

ship, are: Lollie Boudrie, Alan Cutler, Bruce Gill, Pat Konstam, Robert LaCaff, Lucille Lammert, Josie Martinez, Pat Mendiola, Yulanee McKnight, Dr. Mark Prange, Ronnie Retzloff, Robbie Ruppert, and Jim Wogstad.

Nominations may also be made from the floor.

Nominating Committee: Vera Banner, Chair; Pat Bjornson, Cathy Dean, Mary McVicker, and Ronnie Retzloff.

Vera Banner Nominating Committee Chair

Rosen's Letter to the Friends

THE MAGIK THEATER

A phenomenal experience for every stage of life. 420 South Alamo Street San Antonio, TX 78205 www.magiktheatre.org

Dear Friends of the Library:

As the Magik Theatre enters its tenth year of providing professional theatre for youth and adults, I am humbled to be honored by the Friends of the Library for my small contribution to the city that has given me so much. I began a career in the theatre in 1973 and have never been without a forum in which I could explore my vision and my belief that the theater is a place where miracles can occur, some small, some large. I have had the opportun ity to work with some of our city's finest talent and have been fortunate to be born with the ability to choose the idea that anyone can live a life of the heart and mind if they have faith and trust that when you build a theatre space, they WILL come. Thankfully, we produced theatrical forms which were not only challenging artistically, but were also successful in attracting the size audiences that make theatres successful. I'm not sure if that's talent or dumb luck; but, whatever it is, it has provided me with the opportunity to present professional theatre to millions of people during a thirty-five-year-and-counting career.

Theatre provides us with the opportunity to change lives. Great theatre astonishes us. It makes our eyes open to the larger world around us, and provides a living laboratory where we can look at the issues we all face as fellow humans and consequently come up with humane solutions.

Thank you for this wonderful award. It goes hand in hand with the smiles on the faces of the young people we touch. It is a validation of the belief that great theatre, which is affordable can make a difference. It validates the idea that great actors should be paid a living wage so that they can become valuable members of our community, and it validates you.

Sincerely, Richard Rosen Executive Director, Magik Theatre



Mary Louise Daneri extols the Friends for their commitment, dedication and generosity. The Friends help to finance the summer reading program chiefly through Book Cellar proceeds. Daneri, in charge of this program, engages clowns, storytellers and magicians to draw children to the Branches.



A proud moment is relived as Lynn Bobbit shares photo of (I to r) Maria, Pat Osborne (Lynn Bobbit's mother), Henry B. Gonzales, and Lynn herself. Childhood friends, Lynn and Maria have dedicated their adult lives to conservation and preservation in the City of San Antonio.



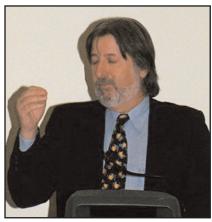
Maria Watson Pfeiffer recalls the influences of her mother, a student at Ursuline Academy and an early preservationist, and of her historical surroundings as a resident of the King William area.



Using an apple and an abacus as props, Master of Ceremonies Robert LaCaff spoofed the technological age and his own discomfort with it. His self-deprecating sense of humor immediately put his audience at ease.



Devoted to children and the arts, Bebe Canales Hinckley recalls early days as Founding President of the Board of Magik Theater and serves as President Emeritus.



Robert Rosen traces the influences on his career from his days at Trinity University through his work at Melodrama Theater to his present position as director of Magik Theater. [see Rosen's letter opposite page.]



Lee LaCaff cites the Friends' goals: promoting public use of the Library, appreciating its value as a cultural and educational asset to the community, and encouraging the extension and improvement of Library services,



Successful novelist Rick Riordan, son of Award-winner Lyn Belisle, displays his mother's watercolor of Frodo Baggins salvaged from a house fire. Riordan cited his mother as a true "Renaissance woman," versed in literary and visual arts as well as computer technology.



Lynn Belisle expresses gratitude to local arts community for supporting her career as a visual artist, a musician, a member of various arts boards, and a teacher. Belisle has successfully made the difficult transition from traditional to electronic media in her work.

Treasurer's Report

As of 12/11/2003

Submitted by Aaron Konstam, Treasurer

FOSAPL BRANCHES

Account	12/31/2002 Balance	12/11/2003 Balance	Account	12/31/2002 Balance	
TOTAL Bank Accounts	142,943.04		TOTAL Cash Accounts	60,473.16	
TOTAL Liability Accounts	60,473.16 .	63,166.55	OVERALL TOTAL	60,473.16	
OVERALL TOTAL	1/1/2003–	89,621.56	Category Description	1/1/2003- 12/11/2003	
Category Description	12/11/2003		INFLOWS	04 040 74	
TOTAL INFLOWS	104,170.49		TOTAL Book Sale Donation	,	
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	94,325.42		TOTAL Dues	3,272.00	
OVERALL TOTAL	9,845.07		TOTAL INFLOWS	26,521.74	
			TOTAL OUTFLOWS	23,828.35	
			OVERALL TOTAL	2,693.39	

Minutes

sented to the Board of Trustees in December and the reception will take place at a later time.

Library Foundation - Lucy Gale reported the September 30th Dr. Jane Goodall lecture hosted about 4,800 attendees at the Municipal Auditorium. Lucy thanked all the Friends volunteers who helped at the event

Lucy also announced that the Library Foundation hosted the Lawyers for the Library event at the Convention Center with guest speaker, White House Chief Counsel **Al Gonzales**. Proceeds of the event went to the Library to purchase books.

Lucy reported the last two events of the Centennial year for the Library Foundation are taking place this week. The first is the Read-A-Thon that took place on November 18 at all 20 branch libraries. The event was very successful. The last event will take place on November 21 at the Central Library; it is the SBC Sleepover. Fifty kids from all over the city will have the opportunity to sleepover at the Central Library. If any Friend wants to volunteer for this please contact Lucy.

Lucy also announced that the Foundation would continue with the Born to Read Initiative in 2004. Lucy thanked the Friends for their continued support of this program.

Library Administration - Mary Louise Daneri reported that the City froze all positions last May and just recently started to hire again. Over 60 openings are available and the Library now needs to justify all hires to a city committee. Aubrey George is working with Frances Gonzales to approve and hire all open positions. Positions for the Henry Guerra Branch Library will be hired at the end of March of April. In 2004 the Maverick and Semmes Branch Libraries will start the process six months before their openings.

Mary Louise reported that the Library Bond Issue passed at the last bond election. **Aubrey George** will meet with the city to set up a timeline for the use of the bond dollars to ensure that time doesn't lapse for too long. Money not earmarked for branches will be used in other areas.

Mary Louise handed out a report that explains how the Library has spent the last gift monies given by the Friends. Even though the number of programs have decreased there has been an increase in event attendance, door count and circulation during the Library's last fiscal year. Library staff would like to implement more programming at the libraries and use the Friends' gift to make them happen. **Gerry Celitans** moved that \$30,000 be given to the Library. **Martha Tarpley** seconded the motion. Concerns were raised

that, if programming plan was not already in place, then \$30,000 may not be enough. Ms. Daneri explained that the Library had no dollars for programming and the funding from the Friend's would fill that void. Motion passed.

Old Business - None

New Business

Cathy Dean wanted to propose that the Friends of the Library purchase a video camera to give to the Library. The camera will enable the Library to record developing facility projects. Gerry Celitans made a motion to approve the purchase of camcorder by the Library, not to exceed the cost of \$1,000, using Friend's funds. Edie Hophan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Announcements

Thousand Oaks will have a book sale on December 6 from 10 AM-3 PM. Marti has sent out a post card reminding members of the book sale.

Cathy Dean wanted to thank everyone for the support on the bond election.

A reminder to all that the Arts & Letters event is scheduled for December 7 at 1:30 PM in the Central Library Auditorium.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Form for Gifts, Donations, and Memorials

Honor a loved one with a remembrance for birthdays, Acknowledgement to: anniversaries, or "just because." It can also be a wonderful, thoughtful, and lasting way to honor the memory of a relative Name ___ or friend. If you do not want to make a contribution at this time, clip Address ___ this form and save it for the appropriate occasion. City, State, Zip I would like to make the following donation: My Name and Address: \square In honor of \Box In memory of Name ___ ☐ Special event (birthday, graduation, etc.) Address ___ City, State, Zip City, State, Zip _____ Please fill out in full, make your check payable to: Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Amount \$_____ (All donations are tax deductible.) and mail to: Sheila Figeroa, Chair Friends of the San Antonio Public Library (FOSAPL) P.O. Box 831174 San Antonio, Texas 78283-1174 \_____

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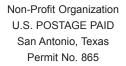
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(Note: Membership is from Jan. 1—Dec. 31. Members receive a renewal notice in early Dec.)

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CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Please refer to the Branch Leaves for support group meetings. It's a good idea to call and verify information before setting out for a meeting or program. Sometimes dates or times change after newsletter publication.

Jan 15–Feb 15	Sale on biographies at the Book Cellar	Brook Hollow Library 530 Heimer Road, 78232
Jan. 17	Texana/Genealogy Book Sale, 10 AM - 3 PM, Central	(210) 496-6315
Jan. 25	Book Cellar 25% discount on purchases by Friends members prior to the Annual	Central Library
	Meeting from 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM	600 Soledad Street, 78205
Jan. 25	Annual Board Meeting, 2 PM, Central Auditorium	(210) 207-2534
Jan. 26	Book Hollow meeting, 7 PM	Cody Library 11441 Vance Jackson, 78230
Feb. 10	Writer Friends meeting, 7 PM, Central Library Auditorium	(210) 696-6396
Feb. 21	Cody Book Sale, 9 AM - 3 PM	McCreless Library
Feb. 21	Oakwell Book Sale, 11 AM - 3 PM	1023 Ada Street, 78223
Feb. 28–29	McCreless Book Sale	(210) 532-4254
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